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Read but this Book, and thou ſhalt underſtand,
The Day of Judgement for to be at hand.

1 *Pet.* 4. 7. The end of all things is at hand, therefore be ſober, and watch unto Prayer.

James 5. 8, 9. Be ye alſo patient, ſtabliſh your hearts: the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one againſt another, leſt ye be condemned; behold! the Judge ſtandeth at the Door.

2 *Pet.* 3. 10, 11. But the day of the Lord will come as a Thief in the night, in which the Heavens ſhall paſs away, the Earth alſo, and the works thereof, ſhall be burnt up.

Dooms-day:

OR,

The Great Day of the Lord drawing nigh; by certain Signs and Tokens thereof, foretold by our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Acts 17. 13. God hath appointed a day, in which he will Judge the World.

Joel 2. 30, 31. And I will shew wonders in Heaven, and on Earth, Blood, and Fire; the Sun shall be turned into darkness, and the Moon into Blood, before the great and Terrible Day of the Lord cometh.

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Mat. 24. 29 *&c.*, Immediately after the tribulation of those days, shall the Sun be darkned, and the Moon shall not give her light, then shall they see the Son of Man comming in the Clouds, with Power and great Glory: when ye see these things, know that it is near, even at the door.

As the days of *Noah* were, so shall the comming of the Son of Man be: For in the days before the Flood, they were Eating, and Drinking, Marrying, and giving in Marriage; and they knew not till the Flood came and took them all away: so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

Watch therefore, for ye know not in what hour the Lord cometh, therefore be ready, for in such an hour as ye know not, the Son of Man cometh, and blessed is that Servant, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

CErtain it is that there shall be a day of Judgement, wherein all mankind shall be judged, and the Earth and all therein shall be destroyed by Fire; which truly is believed by all but the Sadducees, and Atheistical Infidels, of whom this age is full, who think there is no Resurrection; but how few are they that prepare themselves for this great Day, and make themselves ready to meet the Lord at his coming.

The Bridegroom is comming, and yet most men with the foolish Virgins, have not prepared their Lamps. Our Saviour Jesus Christ in the 24 of Matthew, having at large shewed the signs of his coming to Judgement, and withal given us some fore-warnings, that thereby we might be fore-arm'd. In the 25. Chap. he shews how unprepared many should be against his coming, and as a caution to us, he sets down the event of their unpreparedness. Christ in the foregoing Chapter, bids them Watch and Pray; but they (as you may see in the 5 verse) all slumbred and slept. And at midnight was a great cry made, when they were all a sleep, then came the Bridegroom suddenly as a Thief in the Night; and when they should have been ready to have received him, they were to seek for Oyl: And so not being ready, the door was shut against them, and though they cryed, Lord, Lord, open unto us; yet the Lord said unto them. I know you not, v. 17. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor hour, wherein the Son of man cometh.

And now behold, the day draweth nigh, the Judge standeth at the door. James 5. 9. He is at hand. Let us not therefore put far away from us, the Day of the Lord. For yet a little while, & he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

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we be taken unawares, as the Foolish Virgins were, and so be shut out of Heaven forever.

God hath appointed a Day in which he will Judge the World, and how soon this Day may be, we know not, perhaps sooner then we are aware of: it may be, if not this year, yet the next: Although we know not certainly the time, when that great Day will be, yet we may see it cannot be far off, if we look but into the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament: St. Paul saith, 1 Cor. 10. 11. We are they upon whom the ends of the World are come; If therefore the ends of the World were come upon those who lived 1600 years ago, then certainly the Day of Judgement cannot be far off. Zeph. 1. 14. The great Day of the Lord is near, it hasteth greatly.

And Mat. 3. 2. John the Baptist Preached, Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. St. Augustin, saith the World shall last six Ages. The first from Adam to Noah, the second from Noah to Abraham, the third from Abraham to David, the fourth from David to the Transmigration to Babylon, the fifth from thence until the coming of Christ in the Flesh, and the sixth from Christ coming in the Flesh, until the coming to Judgement; so that now we live in the last Age. O that men were wise, that they would think of this day: Whe-

ther I eat or drink (saith St. Jerom) or whatsoever I do, methinks I hear this saying sounding in mine Ear: arise you dead, and come to Judgement. John the Baptist, he was the forerunner of Christ, and we all know that it was not long after his coming, that Christ himself came: and now the fore-runners of the day of Judgement are already come; and the Day it self will suddenly follow: when one of the Servants are come, the Master will not be long: God hath foretold us, that before his coming to Judgement, such and such things should come to pass, and we have seen these things come to pass, therefore let us be ready.

In Matth. 24. the Disciples asked Christ, What should be the sign of his coming, and of the end of the World. And Christ answered them saying, Take heed, let no man deceive you, for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many, ver. 5. and 24. There shall arise false Christs, and false Prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders. And hath not this been fulfilled in our days? I tremble to think how impiously, blasphemously, and cursedly, many wretched Creatures have abused the Lord Jesus Christ; some affirming themselves to be the Virgin Mary, others the Lord Jesus Christ himself. O what a sad account will these men give, when they shall appear before the great Tribunal of the Lord?

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Another ſign of the day of Judgement being at hand, is expreſſed, Ver. 6, 7. There ſhould be Wars, and rumours of Wars: Nation againſt Nation, and Kingdom againſt Kingdom: What cruel unnatural, bloody Wars have been ſeen, and not only Nation againſt Nation, and Kingdom againſt Kingdom, but Brother againſt Brother: yea the Father hath killed his own Son, and the Son hath killed his own Father; even as Chriſt foretold, Mark 13.10. The Brother ſhall betray the Brother to death, and the Father the Son, and the Children ſhould riſe up againſt their Parents, and cauſe them to be put to death; and many ſhall be offended, and ſhall betray one another, and hate one another, ſaith Chriſt. When ever was there more Hatred and Treachery then now? Can any Age of the World ſhew the like for Envy and Malice? Will not one Brother betray another for gain? Behold, theſe things ought not ſo to be; but this is a ſign of the end of the World. And becauſe Iniquity ſhall abound, ſaith Chriſt, the love of many ſhall wax cold. When did Sin ſo much abound as now? When ever was there more Sabbath-breaking and Drunkenneſs, Whoring and Swearing, and Curſing, and all manner of abominable evils then now? yea, even little ones are skilful to Sin, before they are skilful to go; young Children, great Sinners! And for

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Love and Charity, when was it ever less then now? it is cold indeed now.

And her sign expressed is, The Sun shall be turned into darkness, and the Moon shall not give her Light; there shall be Blood, and Fires, with Vapors of Smoak. What strange and sad Eclipses have we lately seen? and the Lord hath forewarned us by many strange sights from Heaven, as ever Mortal men beheld; and for Fire, there hath been many sad spectacles now of late, witness Fleet-street, Threedneedle-street, and South-wark, in which places were near two hundred habitations consumed. And this hath not only happened in and about the City of London, but likewise several other places of the Countries about, have been partakers of the same sorrows: What strange sights were lately seen in the Mountains of Harpedon? in Spain was lately taken a Monster with seven Heads, and Arms like a Man, but the lower parts like a Satyr, with cloven Feet. Surely these are the Wonders of the Lord, declaring to us, that the great Day of Judgement is at hand.

The last sign that Christ tells us of, is in Mat. 24. 38. The days immediately before the last day, should be like the days of *Noah*, before the Flood came. The Lord grant we be not taken as they were, suddenly, before they were aware. In the days before the Flood, People

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were Eating and Drinking, Marrying and given in Marriage, following after their voluptuous Delights, and sinful Pleasures, and in that condition the Flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. And now Men eat and drink, and follow the swing of their own Lusts, saying within themselves as the rich Fool, Let us eat and drink, and take our fill of pleasure; for to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant, these pleasures shall continue for ever. Whereas they should say, Let us watch and pray, for to morrow we may dye; for it is appointed for all men once to dye, and then cometh Judgement. Solomon saith, Rejoce, O young Man, and let thy heart chear thee, but know for all this, thou must come to Judgement. And seeing (as Christ saith) we have seen all these things, come to pass, let us know that this day is near, even at the door. The old world because they would take no warning, the Flood came and drowned them all, they had a 120 years to repent in, and yet would not hearken. Nineve had but 40 days, yet they repented. Israel had 40 years time to repent in. But who knows how long time we shall have to repent? we have had long time already, hundreds of years. but we are still a stiff necked and disobedient People.

St. Paul tells us, 1 Tim. 4. In the last days there

there should be a departing from the Faith and giving heed to seducing Spirits, and Doctrines of Devils. And 2 Tim. 3. 1. In the the last days peri ous times shall come. Men should be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, &c. Then certain we are, those upon whom the end of the World is come, for how these things have been fulfilled, is very dreadful to consider. The Prophet Zephaniah 1. 14. saith, The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, it hasteth greatly. And ver. 15. he tells us, It is a day of wrath and distress, a day of desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness.

The day of Judgement, although it shall be a day of joy and rejoycing to the godly, it shall be a day of woe to the wicked: For who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall be able to stand when he appeareth? Mal. 3. 1. Then wicked Men shall cry to the Mountains to fall upon them, and hide them from the wrath of God; for in that day, the wicked, and all the Nations that forget God, shall be thrown into Hell, there to abide forever, suffering the Vengeance of eternal Fire: as St. Jude saith, That day shall burn as an Oven, and the wicked shall be as stubble, it saith the Lord, *Mal.* 4. 8. But to those that fear his Name shall the Son of Righteousness arise, with healing in his Wings, and shall shine upon the just, and receive

ceive them into the Kingdom of Heaven, where are joys unspeakable, and full of Glory.

And now having shew'd you the certainty of this great day of Judgement, and forewarned you of the near approach thereof; I will conclude with some few exhortations to all, to prepare our selves for this great Day.

Is it so then, that there is a day of Judgement: and is that day at hand: then let every one get Oyl, get Grace into the Lamp of his Heart, and rouze himself up from the World, that whensoever the Lord cometh, he may be ready. We should live every day, as if it were the last day we had to live; for if Judgement comes not, yet Death will certainly come: We know not when we lay our selves down to sleep, whether we shall awake again. Many have been suddenly surprized by Death, that they have been taken away before they were fit to die. Although there is nothing so certain as Death, yet nothing so uncertain as the hour and time when Death will come. The Fool said in his heart, *Soul take thy ease, Eat, Drink, and be merry, for thou hast goods laid up for many Years*: But what saith God? Thou Fool, this night shall thy Soul be required of thee; then whose shall those be? thou must carry nothing with thee.

He had provided that which could do him no good; certainly had he said thus, he had laid

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up a good ſtock for Eternity: O my Soul: God hath exceedingly bleſt me in this Life, with great encreaſe, and abundance, what ſhall I do to lay up ſome portion for another day? this will I do, that as God hath given me them, I will make a good uſe of them, I will not abuſe them to ſatisfie my luſts, but I will freely lend them to the Lord; I will relieve the poor, cloath the naked, and feed the hungry; for in ſo doing, I ſhall lay up a good ſtock for eternal Life. Certainly had he done this, God would have ſaid unto him, Well done thou good and faithful Servant, thou haſt improved thy Maſters Talent, enter into thy Maſters Joy. For certainly what we give to the poor, we lend to the Lord, and he will repay us again ſeven fold for it at the laſt day, when all men ſhall be Judged according to what they have done in the Fleſh, whether it be good, or whether it be evil; and then the poor man ſhall be as much reſpected before God as the greateſt Monarch or Emperor, and perhaps more; for God is no reſpector of perſons, but he will give to every man according to his works, whether he be poor or no. For we muſt all appear before the ſeat of Chriſt, ſmall and great, rich and poor, where we ſhall be made partakers of eternal happineſs in Heaven, or ſad ſpectacles of eternal torments in Hell. For God is a righteous Judge, he fears none, but will render

render Mercy to them that have shewed Mercy; but to the unrighteous, cruel, and hard-hearted Sinners, according to their own deserts. Then will he divide the Chaff from the Wheat, the Sheep from the Goats, and set the Sheep on his right hand, and the Goats on his left; and so pronounce Sentence to the righteous. Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. But to the wicked and ungodly, Go ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels. And then what will the prophane swearer, curser, and blasphemer have to say, what will become of the Drunkard, Whoremonger, and Adulterer? they will wish then for the Mountains to fall upon them, or that they might be suddenly destroyed. The Lord awaken every sinful Soul, that he may repent, and amend his sinful life, and turn to the Lord with speed, lest that great and terrible day of the Lord come upon him unawares. For as the Lightening lightneth from one place of Heaven unto the other, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be: likewise also as it was in the days of *Lot*, they eat, they drank, they bought, they sould, they planted, they builded; but the same day that *Lot* went out of *Sodom*, it rained fire and brimstone from Heaven, and destroyed them all, even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man shall

be revealed, *Luke* 17. 20, 30. And before him shall be gathered all Nations, and he shall seperate them one from another, as the Shepherd divideth the Sheep from the Goats, and the Goats shall be sent into everlasting punishment, and the Sheep into everlasting Life, *Mat.* 25. 32, 45. For at the end of the World, the Angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into a Furnace of Fire, where shall be Weeping, and Wailing, and gnashing of Teeth, for evermore, *Mat.* 13. 49, 50. Therefore every one take heed, watch and pray, for we know not when the time is, *Mat.* 12. 33, 34. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far Journey, who left his house, and gave Authority to his Servants, and to every man his work, and willed the Porter to watch. Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh; at even, or at midnight, or at Cock-crowing, or in the morning: least coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto all men, Watch. For blessed shall they be, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus, come quickly.

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